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Supreme Court of the United States

EMPRESA CUBANA DEL TABACO, d/b/a CUBATABACO,

Petitioner.

__v.__

GENERAL CIGAR CO., INC., and GENERAL CIGAR HOLDINGS, INC.,

Respondents.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES
COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

- 1. Whether the Executive's foreign affairs powers under Article II and the Trading with the Enemy Act to conduct the United States' embargo of Cuba oblige the courts to defer to the Executive's reasoned determination that its embargo regulations do not bar judicial relief granted to a Cuban enterprise, particularly when the Executive advises that its construction of the regulations avoids the violation of treaty obligations (the requirement to protect "well-known" trademarks under Article 6bis, Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property), implicates the reciprocal protection of U.S.-owned trademarks in Cuba, and is consistent with the embargo's purposes.
- 2. Whether the United States' treaty obligations to Cuba under Article 6bis of the Paris Convention remain in effect, in accordance with the Executive's affirmation of those treaty obligations, or whether they have been implicitly abrogated by section 102(h) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LiBERTAD) Act (1996).
- 3. Whether section 44 of the Lanham Act implicitly abrogates Articles 7 and 8 of the General Inter-American Convention for Trademark and Commercial Protection, identified by this Court as self-executing treaty provisions that mandate judicial relief against the knowing registration and use of a treaty national's foreign trademark.

PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS BELOW

All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.

CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Rule 29.6)

Petitioner Empresa Cubana del Tabaco, d.b.a. Cubatabaco, is a Cuban enterprise with juridical personality established by Law No. 1191, dated April 25, 1966, of the Republic of Cuba, and is subject to the jurisdiction of a Cuban ministry. It has no parent corporation and no publicly held corporation owns 10% or more of its stock.

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